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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 193

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 21, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Common Core State Educational Standards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Schneider

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Thompson

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that the State Board of Education (State Board) may not continue to implement the Common Core Standards or require the use of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers or Smarter Balanced assessment by schools until the State Board holds at least one public meeting, at which testimony must be taken, in each congressional district. It requires at least one member of the State Board to attend each public meeting.

The bill requires the State Board to compare Indiana standards with the Common Core Standards, to seek information concerning best practices from a broad range of sources, and consider other superior standards before adopting new standards. It prohibits the State Board from adopting or revising academic standards in a manner that would adopt the Common Core Standards before holding the required public meetings; however, allows grade 2 standards to be adopted. Between June 30, 2013, and March 31, 2014, the bill prohibits the state from entering into or renewing an agreement that cedes control or autonomy over educational standards and assessments to any outside entity. It also provides that academic standards are adopted in a six year cycle, beginning in 2013.

The bill adds parent members to an Academic Standards Committee (currently, the committee is made up of educators in the subject area that is being revised).

The bill provides that a parent may request a rescoring of a student's responses on any statewide assessment that the student is required to complete.

The bill requires the office of management and budget to perform a fiscal analysis of the projected cost to the state and school corporations of the first five years of implementation of the common core standards.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill delays the adoption of common core standards and tests until the State Board of Education holds public meetings in each Congressional district regarding the standards and tests. If the State Board approves the common core standards then the increased cost relating to the standards would be delayed at least until after March 31, 2014. However, if the State Board does not approve the common core standards then there could be some saving depending on the standards the State Board adopts. In addition, the bill could impact how future state ISTEP tests are developed and administered depending on action by the State Board.

The cost of holding the meetings in each congressional district should be minor.

(Revised) Allowing a parent to request a rescoring of a student's responses on any statewide assessment that the student is required to complete could increase test costs. The increase is probably minor. (Current law allows a rescoring of the state ISTEP test.)

The Office of Management and Budget is to perform a fiscal analysis of the projected cost to the state and to school corporations for the first 5-years of implementation of the common core standards. The analysis must include the cost of materials, equipment, technology, and training as well as savings that may be realized. The Office of Management and Budget should be able to do the fiscal analysis with existing resources.

Background: The Department of Education adopted the common core standards for English/Language Arts, Literacy, and Mathematics on August 3, 2010, following approval by the State Board of Education and Indiana's Education Roundtable.

The state spent about \$29 M on the ISTEP test for FY 2012.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Common Core State Standards Initiative website, <http://www.corestandards.org/> .

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